Hardships experienced by the Christian Cheramars in several Taluks in securing reigstry of lands under the new Rules.

Mr. Paradi Abraham Isaac (Member, Nominated) represented that his community was the most backward in point of education, wealth and civilisation, and that the good intentions of Government in ordering the registry of *puduval* lands to the members of the backward classes on concessional terms were not bearing fruit. The community had obtained some lands from some taluks in middle Travancore, but their chief difficulty was in regard to the registry of lands which were already in their occupation. Instead of securing such lands to the members of those classes, the village officials were trying to evict them either by misrepresentation or force and thus putting them to great inconvenience and hardship. To safeguard their interests, the Member prayed that the following survey numbers on which the Cheramars lived in large numbers be assigned to them:—

(1) Survey Nos. 521/1 B and 753/1 in the Vadayar *pakuthi*, Vaikam taluk.

(2) Survey Nos. 1/1 and 1/1 A of the Velinad *pakuthi* and S. No. 3838/B Vazhur *pakuthi*, Changanachery taluk.

(3) Survey Nos. 591/8, Ambalapuzha *pakuthi*, 591/1, Purakad *pakuthi* and 13/1, Thakazhi *pakuthi* in the Ambalapuzha taluk.

(4) Survey Nos. 49/1 and 35/1 in the Rani *pakuthi*, Pattanamtitta taluk.

(5) Survey No. 1/1 in Mankombu *muri*, Pulinkunnu *pakuthi*, Alleppey.

The Member also prayed that an extent of 60 acres comprised in Survey Nos. 20/3 A, 23/1 E, 23/1 H, 24/2 A, 24/1 R, 31/1 B, 31/2 B, in the Manchadikara *pakuthi*, Changanachery taluk, be assigned to them and that an additional assignment of 50 acres from Survey Nos. 95/3 A, 95/1 J. 96/2 A, 102/1 A, 104/1 C, 106/1, 106/1 D, 144/2, 146/1, 140/2, 146/3, 146/5, 147/15, 154/5 and 66/1 in the ... *pakuthi* be also made in their favour. To enable the members of his commu... and to obtain the maximum area of the grant allowed by the Government, the Mem... requested—

(*a*) that portions of reserved forests, proposed reserves, grazing grounds, etc., which were not useful to the Government might be assigned to the community on concessional terms;

(*b*) that the necessary agricultural implements be supplied to them free of cost so as to enable them to do their daily work and that small loans might also be advanced to them;

(*c*) that portions of swampy areas be assigned to them on concessional terms for paddy cultivation; and

(*d*) that as a prevention against other persons encroaching on the lands proposed to be assigned to them, a wire-fencing be put up at Government's cost around such lands.

Dewan's reply.—I have nothing to add to what I said in reply to Mr. K... ban Daivathan. The proposal to put up wire fencing around the lands ...uval assigned to members of your community is an impracticable one. I shall ask ...and Land Revenue Commissioner to examine the question of assigning to the ...nds, bers of your community the several survey numbers which you have spe...dly,

The Assembly adjourned at 5-10 P. M.

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